

Support for Others Program



Underground fuel storage tank removal.

What the Corps Can Do

The Corps of Engineers has the authority to provide reimbursable specialized or technical services to other Federal agencies as well as to States, local units of government, or Indian Tribes. The objective of this program is to identify and match engineering and related service capabilities of the Corps with the evolving needs of American society. The Support for Others Program (SFO) provides the Corps with opportunities to serve the Nation and enhance its capability to accomplish its assigned missions.

Most SFO customers are Federal agencies who account for over 95 percent of the total program. For Federal agencies, the Corps performs inherently governmental functions, such as program management, engineering, environmental programs and construction management, real estate support, research and development and other related services, while serving as extensions of their staff.

The Corps is able to offer agencies use of Corps management and technical expertise to assist them in accomplishing the engineering, environmental restoration and construction aspects of their mission.

Limitations for Non-Federal Agencies

Before the Corps can provide reimbursable support to a State or local government under the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act there are requirements to prepare certifications that the services are not reasonably and quickly available through ordinary business channels and that the Corps is uniquely equipped to perform such services. Requests for such services must be approved at the Corps headquarters level. The technical services that may be provided include studies and planning activities, engineering and design (including plans and specifications), construction management assistance, and training. Construction management assistance is limited to technical advice to improve State or local management capability in contract preparation, negotiation, and evaluation; contract administration; quality assurance; and supervision and inspection. The Corps may not acquire real estate nor can it serve as the contracting officer for project construction for a State or local government unless the work involves Federal funding assistance to the State or local government. For

non-Federal reimbursable work, funds must be on deposit with the Treasury in advance of performing the work.

Conditions Under Which Services May be Provided

- Requested services must be similar to those the Corps is already providing for its own use.
- Recognition that the client agency or unit retains responsibility for program planning, development, budgetary justification and legal liability.
- Requested services will not be provided if they require any additions of staff or involve outlays for additional equipment or other facilities unless those costs are charged to the user.
- The government unit receiving the Corps support is responsible for reimbursing the Corps for all costs incurred by the Corps in providing the support. An interagency agreement defining the scope of services will be drawn up for signature by the requesting agency and the Corps.

How to Request Services

Requests for support and any inquiries concerning the Support for Others Program should be made directly to:

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